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CARLOS A. GIMENEZ
MAYOR
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November 2013

Greetings!

As Mayor of Miami-Dade County and on behalf of our 2.5 million residents, I would like to commend the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women for their continued commitment to advocate for and improve the quality of life of women in our community.

The Commission for Women takes great pride in the work that they do, and through this publication, women living in our County will be able to have the resources they need to receive vital services and information at no cost to them.

The Commission for Women is truly making a difference in the lives of others, as they work to give back to their community one day at a time. It is my hope that you, too, will take advantage of what this great organization has to offer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Carlos A. Gimenez". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "C" and a long, sweeping underline.

Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor



Rebeca Sosa
Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners



Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate and commend the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women for its 42 years of service to our community. Since its founding in 1971 the commission has worked diligently to defend and guarantee the rights of women through events, social campaigns and advocacy on policy issues affecting all residents.

I am thankful for the excellent service provided by the Commission for Women and as Chairwoman of the Board of County Commissioners I am deeply honored to work closely with the commission in a greater capacity to better serve the residents of Miami-Dade County.

I applaud Director Laura Morilla, Chair Michelle Dunaj Lucking and the members of the commission for putting together this directory which will serve as a powerful resource and wish them all continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rebeca Sosa".

Rebeca Sosa
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Barbara J. Jordan
COMMISSIONER
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DISTRICT 1



Dear Friends!

I would like to congratulate the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women for their commitment to women throughout the community. Through this publication, the Commission is able to document the vast number of organizations working on behalf of women in various capacities. From social issues to arts and culture, this directory highlights groups that have pledged to advocate on behalf of women at every stage of life.

I applaud the Commission for Women for its continued presence in this community and its dedication to uplifting the lives of women. Because of organizations such as the Commission for Women, Miami-Dade County is a better place to live, work and nurture a family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara J. Jordan".

Barbara J. Jordan
Miami-Dade Commissioner, District 1



JEAN MONESTIME
COMMISSIONER



Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter to congratulate the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women for 42 years of outstanding advocacy work on behalf of all the women of our county.

Let me also take this opportunity to commend you for the publication of this directory which will serve as a reference for all groups and organizations promoting the cause of the women in our community.

Again, congratulations to the Chairperson and members of the Commission, its director and staff as I wish all of you continuous success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jean Monestime".

Jean Monestime
County Commissioner, District 2

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Greetings!

I extend my gratitude to the members of the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women for always being ready to champion women's rights and shine a bright light on issues which affect women globally.

Congratulations on the publication of this directory. We welcome its return as a very useful tool and a means to learn about the many organizations which serve the women of Miami-Dade County.

My very best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Audrey M. Edmonson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Audrey" being more prominent.

Audrey M. Edmonson
Commissioner, District 3



SALLY A. HEYMAN
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Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women on its 42nd anniversary. Since 1971 the Commission for Women has worked to improve the status of women and advance women's rights. Its advocacy and events have made a difference for the women, children and men in our community.

Our County is proud that its Commission for Women is one of the oldest in Florida and in the nation. It was established at a time when American women were fighting for their rightful place in society. The Commission has provided County officials with valuable input and advice over the years and we look forward to many more productive years of working together.

I commend you on your past achievements and send you my best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sally A. Heyman".

Sally A. Heyman
Commissioner
District 4



October 16, 2013

LYNDA BELL
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Ms. Michelle Dunaj Lucking
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Dear Chair Dunaj Lucking:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartiest congratulations to the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women and the causes it champions on behalf of all women everywhere.

It also gives me great pleasure to recognize your outstanding leadership as steward of this most beneficial institution whose sole mission is to advance women's economic, health and cultural causes everywhere. The Commission for Women has proven to be an indispensable instrument in educating our citizenry on the important causes that affect each and every woman from every ethnic background in our community. As a result, this Commission has earned the respect and admiration of its peers, our community, as well as the Board of County Commissioners. As Vice Chair of the County Commission, I look forward to continuing to work with you and the Commission, as we strive to improve the lives of all South Floridians.

Once again, congratulations and please permit me to send you my very best and warmest wishes for the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Bell".

Lynda Bell
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September 18, 2013

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Greetings,

I am once again pleased to extend a warm greeting to the members of the Miami-Dade Commission for Women as you embark on another remarkable year in our community.

You are to be commended for your ongoing commitment and service. Your dedication and devotion is shown as you advocate for the women in our community. I applaud you for showing your leadership; Nordis Alvarez; Leah Blumenfeld, Ph.D.; Marie Soeurette Eloi; Monica Interian; Viviana Jordan; Samia Taoulost Malik; Noreen Lagault Mendoza; Beverly Nixon; Eveline Pierre; Rhonda Pinkney-Wimberly; Kit Rafferty; Linda Robinson; Phyllis Sloan-Simpkins; Mara Zapata, Ph.D. and Dona Zemo as well as the officers/Executive Committee members, Michelle Dunaj-Lucking, Marie Woodson, Francesca Menes and Sharon Kendrick-Johnson

For many years the Women for Commission Board has assisted women by providing resources, maintain shelters for the abused and educating them and their loved ones with tutorial programs. Thank you for reaching out to those in need in the various local communities and for that reason you are to be applauded. I applaud your good works and encourage you to continue with the great efforts you are providing the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

Warmest Regards,

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Dennis C. Moss
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November 2013

Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to congratulate the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women on its publication of the Connections Directory of women's organizations. For over 25 years, this Directory has served as a useful community tool and resource.

Since 1971, the Commission for Women has worked to improve the status of women and advance women's rights. Miami-Dade County should be proud that its Commission for Women, originally established as the Dade County Commission on the Status of Women, is one of the oldest in Florida and in the nation. Established at a time when American women were fighting for their rightful place in society, the Commission for Women continues its work of providing wise counsel to elected officials and helping women and their families.

I wish the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Javier Souto". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "J" and "S".

Sen. Javier Souto
County Commissioner, Miami-Dade County, Florida.



Juan C. Zapata

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 11

October 4, 2013

Miami-Dade County Commission for Women
Office of Community Advocacy
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Dear Friends:

It is my honor to commend the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women on advocating for the advancement of the women in our County. Through its events and initiatives, the Commission for Woman has successfully made a difference in our community.

Throughout the time I have lived in Miami-Dade County and as a former state legislator, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible work that the Commission for Women does to consistently address the concerns of women and improve their status within society. I look forward to seeing the Commission for Women's continuous advocacy over the coming years.

On behalf of my staff and I, I thank you all for what you have done and wish you many years of continued success.

Warmest Regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Juan C. Zapata".

Juan C. Zapata
Miami-Dade County Commissioner
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Jose "Pepe" Diaz
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October 4, 2013

Dear Friends,

It's an honor for me to work with the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women on enriching our community. Since 1971, the Commission for Women has worked to improve the status of women and women's rights, as well as advocate for children and men in our community.

The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women has been a beacon of hope for so many people, especially low wage workers, the elderly, victims of domestic violence and victims of human trafficking, which are all worthy causes dear to my heart. I have worked with them on many projects and I look forward to assisting them in any future projects.

On behalf of the residents of District 12, I thank Chairwoman Michelle Dunaj Lucking and the board members for their commitment to our community.

Sincerely,


Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Miami-Dade County Commissioner, District 12



ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.
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November 2013


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Dear friends,

It is my honor to congratulate the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women on its 42nd Anniversary. Since 1971, the Commission for Women has worked towards advocating for equality and justice for women making Miami-Dade County a better community.

On behalf of the District 13 community, my staff and I, we thank you for your efforts and we look forward to your continued work. Wishing you great success in all of your endeavors.

Kind regards,



Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
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WHAT IS THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The *Miami-Dade County Commission for Women*, formerly the Miami-Dade County Commission on the Status of Women, was founded in 1971 by feminist leader Roxcy Bolton. Its 26 members are appointed for four year terms by the Board of County Commissioners to serve in an advisory capacity to them and to the community and all agencies and persons in Miami-Dade County "with respect to all matters pertaining to the status of women".

Membership on the Commission for Women reflects the diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds represented in Miami-Dade County and the concerns of all women are included in the Commission's purview. The Ordinance creating the Commission for Women mandates that the Commission will monitor, among other things, the condition of women as related to discrimination, employment, education, establishment of day care centers and attitudes toward women in the community.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT:

To serve as an advocate for the needs and concerns of women and improve the status of women in society

To seek for every woman privilege equal to her potential and responsibility.

To inspire in women the desire for self-improvement and pride of being regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality or age

To encourage the involvement of women in civic and community progress.

To promote the presence of women in roles of leadership.

To work toward legislation granting women full equality under the law.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN NEEDS...

your support and involvement.

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The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women serves the women in our community in many ways -

SUPPORTING AND ADVOCATING FOR IMPORTANT LEGISLATION SUCH AS:

the Wage Theft Ordinance in 2010
the County Contraceptive Equity Resolution in 2001
the Domestic Violence Leave Ordinance in 1999;
the Living Wage Ordinance in 1999;
Revision 9 to the Florida Constitution in 1998;
the Gender Pricing Ordinance in 1997;
the Family Leave Ordinance in 1991;
the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA); and
the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination
Against Women (CEDAW).

PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

Workshops on domestic violence, women in business, women and finances, pay equity, healthcare, political empowerment and other issues of importance to women.

Hosting television programs on WLRN Cable Tap, and making media appearances to discuss a variety of topics of interest to women.

Collaborating on different projects with the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Labor Department, the White House Office of Women's Initiatives, the National Association of Commissions for Women, and the Florida Commission on the Status of Women.

Hosting the 1996 convention of the National Association of Commission for Women

Publication of the "Connections" Directory of local women's organizations

Hosting foreign women dignitaries through the U.S. International Visitor Program

Participation of Commission members and staff as speakers at workshops, conferences, Women's History Month events, and diversity day programs

Participation of Commission members and staff as volunteers on service projects such as Habitat for Humanity and the Women's Breast Health Initiative

Co-sponsoring the annual "In the Company of Women" awards for Women's History Month.

Organizing educational displays for Women's History Month at the County government center

Co-sponsoring annual Women's Equality Day events

Advocating for the rights of the women asylum seekers detained by federal immigration authorities at the TKG County jail.

Working with the Girls Advocacy Project (GAP) to improve conditions for girls incarcerated in the Juvenile Detention Center.

Collaborating on the "Casa Valentina" project for girls aging out of foster care.

Collaborating on the creation and installation of the Julia Tuttle statue in Miami

Advocating for improved services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and human trafficking

Advocating for better conditions, services and wages for working women

Participating as a member of the Miami Emergency Contraception Coalition to increase awareness of the availability of emergency contraception.

Co-presenting the Miami Women's Summit 2007 and the Miami Beach Women's Conference in 2009 and 2010

HISTORY OF WOMEN'S COMMISSIONS

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the President's Commission on the Status of Women. Eleanor Roosevelt was the chair and Esther Peterson of the U.S. Department of Labor's Women's Bureau was vice-chair. Its landmark 1963 report, "**American Women**," was the first report of its kind to examine the condition of women in the country and make recommendations to improve the status of women. This report resulted in the passage of the first federal law prohibiting sex discrimination, the Equal Pay Act of 1963. The report also recommended that each state form a similar women's commission. Today there are approximately 200 state, county and local commissions for women located in the United States and its territories. These commissions are advocates for equality and justice for women and serve their communities in a variety of ways, depending on available resources.

Each women's commission functions independently and keeps the needs of women in the forefront of laws, policies, and practices.

FACTS ABOUT THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA)

The ERA is the proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would provide for equal rights for men and women. It was first introduced in 1923.

The pertinent text of the ERA reads “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”

Right now the U.S. Constitution does not **explicitly** state that men and women have equal rights under the law. The ERA would make that clear for the first time in U.S. history.

The most important effect of the ERA would be to clarify the status of sex discrimination for the courts, whose decisions still show confusion about how to deal with such claims. The ERA would require that classifications in the laws based on sex be treated by the courts as “suspect,” just like classifications based on race, religion and national origin. Courts would review the classifications based on sex with the same high level of “strict scrutiny” and justification as classifications based on race, religion and national origin. Courts do not currently do this under the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th amendment.

Without the ERA, laws granting men and women equal rights can be repealed and court decisions can be reversed or overruled.

If ratified by 38 States, the ERA would become the 28th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. So far, 35 States have ratified the ERA.

FLORIDA IS ONE OF THE 15 STATES THAT HAS NOT RATIFIED THE ERA.

House bill 8001 and Senate bill 68 were filed in the Florida Legislature for the 2014 session calling for Florida’s ratification of the ERA. Similar resolutions were also filed in 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003.

In 1998 Florida voters, by a margin of 65% to 35%, approved a similar amendment to the Florida Constitution when they approved of Revision 9. Therefore, ratification of the federal ERA would be fully consistent with the will of the voters of Florida.

Information on the ERA can be obtained from the following websites: www.equalrightsamendment.org, www.ERACampaign.net and www.4ERA.org and www.2PassERA.org.

MARCH IS NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

WOMEN'S HISTORY RESOURCES

Alice Paul Institute
www.alicepaul.org

The Equal Rights Amendment
www.equalrightsamendment.org

The Library of Congress
www.womenshistorymonth.gov

National Women's Hall of Fame
www.greatwomen.org

National Women's History Museum
www.nwhm.org

National Women's History Project
www.nwhp.org

Sewall-Belmont House and Museum
www.sewallbelmont.org

Sophia Smith Collection: Women's History Archives at Smith College
www.smith.edu/libraries/libs/ssc

Susan B. Anthony House
<http://susanbanthonyhouse.org>

Women's Rights National Historical Park-Seneca Falls, New York
www.nps.gov/wori/index.htm

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Welcome to the Connections directory! A valuable resource to connect with important organizations in our community that support a common cause – helping women and children.

The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women is the advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners and the County Administration regarding all matters that affect the status of women. Created by the Board of County Commissioners over 40 years ago, the Commission For Women has 26 appointed volunteer members that are dedicated to helping women and girls.

Commission members work on promoting economic, social, legal, and political equality. This includes monitoring and supporting legislation that impacts women, promoting gender equality in the workplace, addressing issues involving violence against women, and advocating for equal representation in public decision-making bodies. Commission members are an active voice in the media and with legislators to endorse equal rights and economic empowerment. Health care issues and health care rights unique to women have also been an important focus. We identify areas of concern and sensitize community leaders to the struggles women currently face.

The Commission is particularly proud of several recent successes. Those include obtaining improvements in the child support enforcement system to help low-income mothers, and in successfully obtaining a County initiative so that county buildings now post signs in restrooms providing hotline numbers for those in need of help with domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking problems.

We also successfully raised awareness of pay equity issues affecting women at an event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Equal Pay Act of 1963 during an EEOC conference co-hosted in conjunction with the Department of Labor. Pay equity and increasing minimum wage are critical issues affecting our nation's economic security and, in particular, women in the workforce. On average, women earn 20% less than men in similar jobs. This disparity in wages adds up to a substantial loss in income, retirement funds, and even benefits.

Workplace protection issues also uniquely impact women and families. A record 4 out of 10 households have mothers as the sole or primary source of income. Recognizing the need for greater job protections, we participated in a press conference on the 20th anniversary of the Family Medical Leave Act, where we advocated strengthening and expanding the Act. We also successfully advocated to protect earned sick time for working women in opposing a detrimental bill. To commemorate the 93rd anniversary of the certification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote, we co-hosted a Women's Equality Day program at the Women's Park. A panel of speakers discussed current voting rights issues in our community, the history of voting rights struggles in our country, and the need for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment.

These are a few examples of the remarkable accomplishments of this dedicated group of women and their unwavering commitment to advocate for the rights of women throughout Miami-Dade County. I am privileged to have been elected as Chair of this organization for the past two years, and encourage anyone reading this message who has any concerns that we could assist with, to contact our office. On behalf of the Commission For Women, welcome to the Connections Directory and thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Michelle Dunaj Lucking,
Chairperson

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The Miami-Dade County Commission for Women would like to thank our supporting tax exempt organization, **Friends of the DCCFW, Inc.**, for its assistance and support over the years.

Our "Friends" Board members are:

Carmen Elias-Levenson, President, Treasurer and Director

Michelle Dunaj Lucking, Director

Laura Morilla, Secretary and Director

CREATING CONNECTIONS

Like many other good things, this directory evolved from a humble beginning. In 1979, before “networking” became a buzzword, Dorothy Sibley, then the Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women, realized that she was spending a great deal of her time putting people together for their mutual benefit, and answering questions about who was doing what, and why.

Sending out a handwritten, crossed out and marked up list of women’s clubs finally became an embarrassment. There had to be a better way to share information about programs and events of common interest to all women. With financial help from the County and using the membership list of the Women’s Committee of 100 as a starting point, the first CONNECTIONS directory was distributed. Overnight, it became the basis for a community communication network.

DISCLAIMER

The Connections Directory is our attempt to list the many women’s organizations and programs in Miami-Dade County. We make every effort to be as comprehensive as possible but we know that, undoubtedly, many worthy organizations are inadvertently omitted. Please bring these organizations to our attention so that they can be included in the next edition. Some of these organizations and programs also charge a fee for their services and programs, while others charge only membership dues and some are free. Also, some of the organizations listed represent specific partisan political or religious points of view. The Commission for Women simply lists these organizations in the Directory as a public service and does not necessarily advocate the particular point of view espoused by the organizations, nor does it recommend particular programs or services.

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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC.
GAMMA ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER, INC.**

Purpose: To promote scholarship and provide service to all

Membership Criteria: College graduate, community service oriented; by invitation

Website: www.akagzo.org

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P.O. Box 171926
Hialeah, FL 33017
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**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY/
MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER**

Purpose: To eliminate breast cancer as a major health problem by preventing breast cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering through research, education, advocacy and service

Website: www.cancer.org

Contact:

American Cancer Society
Dade Unit
8095 NW 12 Street, #200
Doral, FL 33126
(305) 594-4363

AQUA FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN

Purpose: To serve as the funding catalyst for lesbian, bisexual, and transgender wellness and equality through grants, scholarships and initiatives

Website: www.aquafoundation.org

Contact:

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Aqua Foundation for Women
4500 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 340
Miami, FL 33137
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**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
(AAUW) MIAMI BRANCH**

Purpose: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, research and philanthropy

Membership Criteria: Open to all with an associate's or equivalent (RN), bachelor's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university

Website: <http://miami-fl.aauw.net>

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Miami, FL 33256-1931
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7920 SW 138 Court
Miami, FL 33183-3035
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ARTSPRING, INC.

Purpose: To use educational arts programming to develop self-growth and life skills for incarcerated women, men and youth, as well as other at-risk populations in underserved communities; to empower the participants to redirect their lives, resulting in a safer society

Website: www.artspring.org

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Florida City, FL 33034
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Florida City, FL 33034
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ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN COMMUNICATIONS-SOUTH FLORIDA

Purpose: To champion the advancement of women across all communications disciplines by recognizing excellence, promoting leadership and positioning its members at the forefront of the evolving communications era

Website: www.awcsouthflorida.org

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(561) 301-2420
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AWC South Florida
(561) 445-5306
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BUILDING EMPOWERMENT BY STOPPING TRAFFICKING (B.E.S.T.)

Purpose: To aid victims of human trafficking and pursue and prosecute traffickers; certify victim coaches and work with lawyers, law enforcement and the judicial system

Website: <http://beststoptrafficking.org>

Contact:

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B.E.S
(305)728-5218
Linda.Sullivan@beststoptrafficking.org
VICTIM'S HOTLINE: 855-237-8811

BECCA'S CLOSET, INC.

Purpose: To collect and distribute formal attire to high school students who might not otherwise be able attend their prom/homecoming ; also provides scholarships to deserving high school students

Membership Requirements: Community can donate prom dresses at various locations; dresses distributed at various locations, check website for details; chapters nationwide

Website: www.beccascloset.org

Contact:

Becca's Closet, Inc.
151 North Nob Hill Road, Suite 280
Plantation, FL 33324
(954) 424-9999
help@beccascloset.org

BLACK NURSES ASSOCIATION- MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: To provide African-American nurses and others the opportunity to unite and become involved with health and welfare issues of African-Americans and the community

Membership Criteria: Licensed nurses and student nurses who express commitment to the philosophy of the Miami chapter; payment of dues

Website: www.bna-miami.org

Contact:

Lenora Yates, President
Black Nurses Association-Miami Chapter
P.O. Box 472826
Miami, FL 33147-2826
(305) 754-2280
miamibna@gmail.com

BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Purpose: Advisory board to the Broward County Commissioners on women's issues; dedicated to identifying and resolving economic, health, social and other issues concerning women's lives through education, advocacy, and expansion of services

Membership Criteria: Must be appointed by a Broward County Commissioner

Website: www.broward.org/statuswomen

Contact:

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Broward County Commission on the Status of Women
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Professional Standards
115 South Andrews Ave., Room 427
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301
(954) 357-7800
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bmcgovern@broward.org

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS- FLORIDA FEDERATION (BPW/FL)

Purpose: To promote equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education, and information

Website: www.bpwfl.org

Contact:

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3150 Holiday Springs Blvd., Bldg. 8, #111
Margate, FL 33063
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(954) 935-5412 (W)
(954) 752-0576 (H)
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BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN (BPW) MIAMI SHORES

Purpose: To achieve equity for women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information

Membership Criteria: Open to all who support the group's mission and objectives

Website: www.BPWMiami.org

Contact:

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CASA VALENTINA

Purpose: To help young women transition successfully from foster care to independent living

Website: www.casavalentina.org

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(305) 282-8889
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info@casavalentina.org

COCONUT GROVE NEGRO WOMEN'S CLUB, INC.

Purpose: Scholarship and community service

Membership Criteria: Resident and/or concern for the residents of Coconut Grove; payment of dues

Contact:

Dorothy P. Lee, President
Coconut Grove Negro Women's Club, Inc.
3459 Percival Avenue
Miami, FL 33133-5040
(305) 448-9501
dotplee@bellsouth.net

CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN

Purpose: To provide children with a safe learning environment; to provide after-school, out-of-school, and summer programs for at-risk youth; youth and family programs and activities

Website: www.concernedafricanwomen.org

Contact:

Carolyn Kiani Nesbitt, Founder & CEO
Concerned African Women
1505 NW 167 Street, Suite 101
Miami, FL 33169
(305) 621-370

COCO PLUM WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: To work together in spirit of friendship and service to better the quality of life in the Community; the Clubhouse is located at 1375 Sunset Drive, Coral Gables, FL 33143

Membership Criteria: Open to everyone who is interested in volunteering and philanthropy; prospective members must attend two business meetings

Website: www.gfwccocoplum.org

Contact:

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Coco Plum Woman's Club
6601 SW 79 Court
Miami, FL 33143
(305) 274-5814
annegret@bellsouth.net

Caroline Jensen, 1st V.P.
Coco Plum Woman's Club
15460 SW 256 Street
Homestead, FL 33032
(305) 247-8111
carolinewj@earthlink.net

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE WOMEN MIAMI, INC. (CREW MIAMI)

Purpose: To provide a support network for women involved in different aspects of the commercial real estate industry

Website: www.crewmiami.org

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CREW-Miami
3109 Grand Avenue, PMB 229
Miami, FL 33133
(305) 938-0775
mnee@pointegroupadvisors.com

COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE-SOUTH FLORIDA

Purpose: To help women CEOs and senior executives build and grow successful businesses and careers

Membership Criteria: Senior executives and/or CEO women in business; different levels and benefits

Website: www.commonwealthinstitute.org

Contact:

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The Commonwealth Institute-South Florida
16850-112 Collins Avenue, Suite 339
Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160
(305) 799-6547-Main
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Lkdavis@commonwealthinstitute.org

CONTINENTAL SOCIETIES, INC. GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: To create environments within the community that empower children to have access to quality and appropriate opportunities to reach their optimal potential

Website: www.greatermiamicontinentals.com

Contact:

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Continental Societies, Greater Miami Chapter
P. O. Box 162238
Miami, FL 33116-2238
info@greatermiamicontinentals.org

CONTINENTAL SOCIETIES, INC NORTH DADE-BROWARD COUNTY CHAPTER

Purpose: To foster, promote and develop the welfare of children and youth with special needs

Website: www.ndbccontinentals.org

Contact:

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Continental Societies, North Dade –Broward Chapter
P.O. Box 693921
Miami, FL 33269
ahurry@bellsouth.net

DOROTHY M. WALLACE C.O.P.E. CENTER

Purpose: Miami-Dade County public school for teenaged expectant parents and parents that provides uninterrupted learning opportunities and special services for these students

Website: <http://copeso.dadeschools.net>

Contact:

Annette Burks-Grice, Principal
Dorothy M. Wallace C.O.P.E. Center
10225 SW 147 Terrace
Miami, FL 33176
(305) 233-1044, ext. 2211
aburks@dadeschools.net

C.O.P.E. CENTER NORTH

Purpose: Miami-Dade County public school for teenaged expectant parents and parents that provides uninterrupted learning opportunities and special services for these students

Website: <http://copecenternorth.dadeschools.net/>

Contact:

Dr. Lillian Cooper, Principal
C.O.P.E. Center North
9950 NW 19 Avenue
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 836-3300
Lcooper@dadeschools.net

CORAL GABLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN'S BUSINESS NETWORK

Purpose: To empower women in the business community

Membership Criteria: Be a member of the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce; pay dues

Website: www.coralgableschamber.org

Contact:

Erica Dominguez, Staff Liaison
Women's Business Network
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce
224 Catalonia Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 446-1657
info@coralgableschamber.org

CORAL GABLES WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: To support various projects and charities; civic involvement and community service

Membership Criteria: Pay annual dues; and meeting and volunteer time requirements

Website: www.coralgableswomansclub.org

Contact:

Mireya Kilmon, President	Coral Gables Woman's Club
Coral Gables Woman's Club	Clubhouse
P.O. Box 145057	1001 E. Ponce de Leon Blvd
Coral Gables, FL 33114-5057	Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 448-7080 (Clubhouse)	(305) 448-7080 (Clubhouse)
President@coralgableswomansclub.org	

CUTLER RIDGE WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: To operate for charitable and educational purposes; to bring women together for intellectual and social development among the members and in the community

Membership Criteria: Any gentle woman of good character and standing; must be sponsored by two members in good standing

Contact:

Ruth Perry	Peggy Bell
Cutler Ridge Woman's Club	Cutler Ridge Woman's Club
(305) 245-9255	(305) 322-5305

DADE COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS (DCFWC)

Purpose: To bring together the women's organizations for mutual benefit and for charitable and educational purposes

Membership Criteria: Women's organizations involved in community service, education, the arts, and civic improvement

Contact:

Ann B. McAllister, President	Dolly MacIntyre
Dade County Federation of Woman's Clubs	Dade County Federation of Woman's Clubs
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(305) 247-7409	
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DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Purpose: To promote patriotism and education and to preserve American history; genealogical society/premier genealogical library at national office; 3,000 chapters in U.S. and worldwide

Membership Criteria: Any woman 18 years or older who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution

Website: www.dar.org • <http://fssdarchapters.org> (links to FL chapters)

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DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC., DADE COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Purpose: Sisterhood of college-educated women committed to public service with a primary focus on the Black community

Website: www.dadecountyalumnaedst.com

Contact:

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Dade Cty. Alumnae Chapter
P.O. Box 52-1806
Miami, FL 33152
dadecountyalumnae@yahoo.com

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.- MIAMI ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Purpose: Organization of college-educated women committed to public service with a primary focus on the Black community

Website: www.dstmiami.org

Contact:

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Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Miami Alumnae Chapter
P.O. Box 680726
Miami, FL 33168-0726
(305) 586-4668
president@dstmiami.org

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Purpose: To bring together Democratic women to provide to provide a forum for discussion of public matters; to encourage and support qualified Democratic women to seek public and elected office; to serve as a resource for candidates

Website: www.dwc-mdc.org

Contact:

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Democratic Women's Club of Miami-Dade County
144 NE 88 Street
El Portal, FL 33138
(305) 754-6142
Dblack0396@aol.com
Dwc.miamidade@gmail.com

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S CLUB OF MIAMI GARDENS

Contact:

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Democratic Women's Club of Miami Gardens
19681 NW 33 Avenue
Miami Gardens, FL 33056
(786) 385-4113
Jcoa125@aol.com

DYNAMIC WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Contact:

Rosetta Rolle Hylton, President
Dynamic Women's Democratic Club
of Miami-Dade County
20211 NW 42 Avenue
Miami Gardens, FL 33055
(305) 620-6466
RHylton@med.miami.edu

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS/SHELTERS

Safespace North
(305) 758-2546

Women's Shelter of Hope
(305) 888-5001

The Lodge

Angela Diaz-Vidaillet, CEO
The Lodge
P. O. Box 470728
Miami, FL 33147
(305) 693-1170
(305) 693-0232 (24 Hour Crisis Line)
angelad@thelodgemiami.org
info@thelodgemiami.org
www.thelodgemiami.org

Victims should call the shelters' hotline numbers to be screened and to obtain the exact locations of the shelters

Safespace Foundation, Inc.

Safespace Foundation
P. O. Box 530521
Miami Shores, FL 33153
(305) 758-2804
www.safespacefoundation.org

Safespace South
(305) 247-4249

**Women in Distress
of Broward County**
(954) 761-1133
www.womenindistress.org

**Safespace Foundation
administers direct relief
funds that provide
victims of domestic
emergency assistance,
violence with financial
services and support**

Sahara

Shashi Jagadish, President
Shahida Shakir, Vice Pres.
Sahara
1-866-567-7635 (Help Line)
info.at.saharafl@gmail.com
www.saharafl.org

**Sahara works to combat
domestic violence in
the Asian communities of
South Florida; provides
support for Asian women
who are victims of
domestic violence**

Coordinated Victims Assistance Center (CVAC)

Ivon Mesa, Director
Miami-Dade County CVAC
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Miami, FL 33133
(305) 285-5906
(305) 285- 5900
mesai@miamidade.gov

**The CVAC is a
comprehensive, one-stop
center for coordinated
services to domestic
violence and sexual
assault survivors**

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OVERSIGHT BOARD

Purpose: To advise the Board of County Commissioners and Mayor on domestic violence issues; to construct and operate domestic violence centers

Membership Criteria: Must be appointed by the County Manager or County Commissioners

Website: www.miamidade.gov/domesticviolence

Contact:

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Domestic Violence Oversight Board
111 NW First Street, Suite 27-10
Miami, FL 33128
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Y1116@miamidade.gov

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT COUNCIL OF GREATER MIAMI (DVSAC)

Purpose: To provide a forum to promote quality services and reduce domestic violence and sexual assault

Website: www.DVSACMiami.org

Contact:

Sharon Denaro, Esq.
Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
Council of Greater Miami
305-693-1170, ext. 234
sharond@thelodgemiami.org

DORAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Purpose: To advise the Doral City Council on women's issues and promote the status of women

Membership Criteria: Appointed by Doral City Council members

Contact:

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Doral COSW
(786) 897-1910
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Ana Maria Arizaleta, Vice Chair
Doral COSW
(305) 717-3448
womendoral@gmail.com

DRESS FOR SUCCESS MIAMI

Purpose: To provide employment skills training and professional attire for job interviews and retention programs

Website: www.dfsmiami.org

Contact:

Sonia Jacobson, Executive Director
Dress for Success Miami
250 NW 9th Street
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 444-1944, ext. 306
sj@suitedforsuccess.org

EMBRACE GIRLS FOUNDATION, INC.- EMBRACE GIRL POWER!

Purpose: After school program to provide positive social experiences, life skills training, academic tutoring, mentoring and culture for at-risk girls residing in underserved neighborhoods; character building and improving self-esteem for girls

Website: www.embracegirlpower.org

Contact:

Velma R. Lawrence, Executive Director
Embrace Girls Foundation, Inc.
18520 NW 67 Avenue, Suite 340
Miami Lakes, FL 33015
(877) 466-4769
info@embracegirlpower.org

EMILY'S LIST

Purpose: To recruit, train, assist and mentor Democratic pro-choice women interested in running for federal, state and local office

Membership Criteria: Progressive women and men

Website: www.emilyslist.org

Contact:

Shellie Sachs Levin
Emily's List
22800 SW 157 Ave.
Miami, FL 33170
(305) 248-0860
Shlevin@bellsouth.net

EXECUTIVE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (EWGA) - MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: To provide opportunities for women to learn, play and enjoy golf for business and for life

Membership Criteria: Interest in golf, business, networking

Website: www.ewgamiami.org

Contact:

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Jill Rochfort, Membership Chair
EWGA Miami Chapter
jrochfort@aol.com
membership@ewgamiami.com

FEMFESSIONALS

Purpose: To inspire, promote and connect women professionally and globally

Website: www.femfessionals.com

Contact:

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Femfessionals
(305) 781-1834
violette@femfessionals.com
Miami@femfessionals.com

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN LAWYERS (F. A. W. L.) MIAMI-DADE CHAPTER

Purpose: To facilitate the administration of justice; foster courtesy, integrity, ethics and gender equality in the practice of law; to explore and promote issues of particular interest to women/women lawyers

Website: www.mdawl.org

Contact:

Sherril Colombo, Esq., President
FAWL Miami-Dade Chapter
President@mdawl.org

FLORIDA BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION

Purpose: To end breast cancer through research, education and advocacy

Website: <http://floridabreastcancer.org>

Contact:

Russell Silverman, Executive Director
Florida Breast Cancer Foundation
11900 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 806
North Miami, FL 33181
(305) 631-2134
877-644-3222

FLORIDA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Purpose: To study and make recommendations to the Governor, Cabinet, and Legislature on issues affecting women; to empower women to achieve their fullest potential, to eliminate barriers to that achievement and to recognize women's accomplishments; holds quarterly meetings in Tallahassee and around the State

Membership Criteria: Must be appointed by the Governor, House Speaker, Senate President, Attorney General, Chief Financial Officer or Commissioner of Agriculture

Website: www.fcswnet.net

Contact:

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Office of the Attorney General
The Capitol, PL-01
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1050
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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN- PROVINCE OF MIAMI

Purpose: To unite Catholic women of Florida in purpose and action in religious, educational, legislative, social and economic fields

Website: www.flaccw.catholicweb.com

Contact:

Jeanette DeBonvill, President/Province Director
Florida Council of Catholic Women-Province of Miami
debjmd@yahoo.com

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) WOMEN'S CENTER, BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

Purpose: To provide women with programs and services related to their intellectual, professional, social, and emotional growth; to educate and advocate for systematic changes to improve the lives of women and men

Membership Criteria: All programs and services open to FIU students; some also open to all

Website: <http://women.fiu.edu>

Contact:

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Women's Center
Florida Int'l University-Biscayne Bay Campus
3000 NE 151 Street, WUC 220
North Miami, FL 33181
(305) 919-5358
mermorga@fiu.edu

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) WOMEN'S CENTER, MODESTO MAIDIQUE CAMPUS

Website: <http://women.fiu.edu>

Contact:

Bronwen Bares Pelaez, Associate Director
Women's Center-MMC
F. I. U.-Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th Street, GC 2200
Miami, FL 33199
(305) 348-1506
(305) 348-6991 (Fax)
baresb@fiu.edu

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) HERBERT WERTHEIM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE - OFFICE OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE & SCIENCE

Purpose: To advance the mission of the College of Medicine by ensuring gender equity, promoting the recruitment/retention of diverse women faculty and medical students, and recognizing women in science and medicine

Website: www.medicine.fiu.edu/about-us/administrative-offices/dean-women-medicine/index.html

Contact:

Karin Esposito, MD, Associate Dean
Office of Women in Medicine and Science
FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine
11200 SW 8th Street, AHC2 670
Miami, FL 33199
(305) 348-2400
karin.esposito@fiu.edu

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY(FIU) WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTER

Purpose: To promote scholarly inquiry related to women and gender; interdisciplinary courses in Women's Studies and cross-listed courses in other disciplines enhance students' knowledge about women, feminism, and the significance of gender in diverse cultures and contexts

Website: www.womenstudies.fiu.edu

Contact:

Dr. Yesim Darici, Director
Women's Studies Center
Florida Int'l University
11200 SW 8 Street, DM 212
Miami, FL 33199
(305) 348-1295
(305) 348-3143 (Fax)
dariciy@fiu.edu

FLORIDA WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Purpose: A photographic documentary by Scherley Busch to educate about women's accomplishments and to highlight outstanding women; the documentary grows as honorees are chosen and their portraits are added; annual exhibits/events

Website: www.floridawomenofachievement.com

Contact:

Scherley Busch, Executive
and Artistic Director
Florida Women of Achievement
P.O. Box 142174
Coral Gables, FL 33114
(305) 661-6605
Amaranthine.fwa@gmail.com

FOOTPRINTS FOUNDATION

Purpose: To improve mortality rates of mothers and Infants in developing countries and provide other emergency obstetric and medical care

Website: www.footprints-foundation.org

Contact:

Lorna Owens, Founder and Executive Director
Footprints Foundation
4000 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Suite 470
Coral Gables, FL 33146
(305) 573-8423
info@footprints-foundation.org

GEEKI GIRL

Purpose: To bring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) into middle schools to be able to excite girls about all the possibilities these career fields offer women; to have places, virtual and actual, where women can come together, have fun and celebrate the joy of learning computers and the latest technology to improve their everyday life

Website: www.geekigirl.org

Contact:

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Geeki Girl
16305 SW 248 Street
Redland, FL 33031
(305) 302-1678
(786) 601-7583
Noreen@geekigirl.org

GILDA'S CLUB SOUTH FLORIDA

Purpose: To ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community

Website: www.gildasclubsouthflorida.org

Contact:

Shelley Goren, CEO
Gilda's Club South Florida
119 Rose Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316
(954) 763-6776

GIRL POWER/WORLD LITERACY CRUSADE OF FLORIDA

Purpose: To promote positive behavior, enhance social skills, and improve academic performance in adolescent girls; after school programs, summer camps, tutoring, workshops and support groups

Website: www.girlpowerrocks.org

Contact:

Thema Campbell, Pres./CEO
Girl Power
6015 NW 7th Avenue
Miami, FL 33127
(305) 756-5502
thema@girlpowerrocks.org

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF TROPICAL FLORIDA

Purpose: To serve all girls through educational and service learning activities; to build girls of courage, confidence and character and to help them develop qualities such as leadership, strong values, social conscience and self-worth

Website: www.girlscoutsfl.org

Contact:

Maria D. Tejera, CEO
Girl Scout Council of
Tropical Florida
11347 SW 160th Street
Miami, FL 33157
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Chief Mission to Market Officer
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GRUBSTAKE RESOURCES FOR WOMEN/ GIVE GOOD WORKS

Purpose: To help women in distress establish a new home and make a good start; donations received from the public go to households for women in need; thrift shop located at 2401 North Miami Avenue; call for hours of operation

Contact:

Heather Klinker
Give Good Works Operations Center
2401 North Miami Avenue
Miami, FL 33127
(305) 573-2976

GREATER MIAMI JEWISH FEDERATION, WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY DEPARTMENT

Purpose: To mobilize resources to care for those in need and to strengthen Jewish life

Website: www.jewishmiami.org

Contact:

Greater Miami Jewish Federation
Women's Philanthropy Department
4200 Biscayne Blvd
Miami, FL 33137
(305) 576-4000
(786) 866-8440
Women@JewishMiami.org

GWEN S. CHERRY BLACK WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

Purpose: To advance the interests of women engaged in the practice of law and the community through law related activities

Website: www.gscbwla.org

Contact:

Nexcy De La Rosa Monroe, Esq., President
Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association
P. O. Box 012631
Miami, FL 33101
info@gscbwla.org

H3: HEALTH. HOPE. HEALING

Purpose: To support breast cancer patients, survivors family members and loved ones, as well as those who desire to improve their wellness by providing a connection to community-based educational resources

Website: <http://h3hope.org>

Contact:

Janinha Piazzetta
H3: Health. Hope. Healing
946 Normandy Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33141
(305) 531-2046
info@h3hope.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-WOMEN BUILD

Purpose: Volunteer program to recruit and educate women to build and advocate for simple, decent and affordable houses;

Website: www.miamihabitat.org

Contact:

Dominique Brandt, Volunteer and Events Director
Habitat for Humanity
Women Build
3800 NW 22 Avenue
Miami, FL 33142
(305) 634-3628
Dominique.brandt@miamihabitat.org

HADASSAH-GREATER MIAMI REGION

Purpose: To enhance the quality of American and Jewish life through education and advocacy; to support medical and research at the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem

Website: www.hadassah.org/miami

Contact:

Dianne Gottlieb, President
Greater Miami Region of Hadassah
4200 Biscayne Blvd.
Miami, FL 33137
(305) 576-4447
GreaterMiami@hadassah.org

HAITIAN WOMEN OF MIAMI, INC. (FANM AYISYEN NAN MIYAMI, INC.)

Purpose: Advocacy and social service agency located in the heart of Little Haiti serving the needs of low income women and their families as well as victims of abuse, neglect, violence, racism and discrimination

Website: www.fanm.org

Contact:

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Miami, FL 33138
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Marie Paul Woodson
Board Chair
FANM
(305) 331-9037
womp@miamidade.gov

HANDS 2 HELP, INC.

Purpose: To build better lives and strengthen communities by providing youth and their families with the knowledge and skills to be self-sufficient; to run the Passage to Womanhood program to educate young ladies about life skills, health and etiquette

Website: www.hands2helpinc.org

Contact:

Camille Jones, Founder/Executive Director
Hands 2 Help, Inc.
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Miami, FL 33168
(786) 417-2152
cjones@hands2helpinc.org
info@hands2helpinc.org

HEAR CONGO

Purpose: To help rebuild the shattered lives of women and children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through education, empowerment and financial support

Website: www.hearcongo.org

Contact:

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Hear Congo
P.O. Box 565752
Miami, FL 33256
(786) 505-4182
info@hearcongo.org
Kaleba@hearcongo.org

HOMESTEAD JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: To promote civic and educational improvement

Website: www.gfwchomesteadjuniors.org

Contact:

GFWC Homestead Junior Woman's Club
P.O. Box 900658
Homestead, FL 33090-0658
Gfwchomesteadjuniors.org

HONEY SHINE, INC.

Purpose: To encourage the balance of mind, body and soul in girls and women by providing nurturing experiences that enlighten their paths and empower their future; workshops, field trips and day camps to teach life skills and educational experiences; group mentoring

Membership Criteria: Donation of personal time and monetary investment at varying levels

Website: www.honeyshine.org

Contact:

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Honey Shine, Inc.
100 South Biscayne Blvd., Third Floor
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 854-2444
LaCriscia@honeyshine.org
info@honeyshine.org

ITWOMEN

Purpose: To increase the number of women and girls in the fields of technology and engineering and to provide professional development, student education and scholarships

Website: www.itwomen.org

Contact:

Victoria Usherenko, President
ITWomen
3370 NE 190 Street, #3811
Aventura, FL 33180
(305) 936-9091
Victoria@itwomen.org

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF MIAMI, INC.

Purpose: To promote volunteerism, develop the potential of women and improve communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers; educational and charitable purpose

Website: www.jlmiami.org

Contact:

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Junior League of Miami
713 Biltmore Way
Coral Gables, FL 33134
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jrlmiami@bellsouth.net
President@jlmiami.org

KRISTI HOUSE

Purpose: To provide comprehensive services for child victims of sexual abuse and their families; also addresses the problem of trafficking/child sexual exploitation through Project GOLD

Website: www.kristihouse.org

Contact:

Trudy Novicki, Executive Director
Kristi House
1265 NW 12 Avenue
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 547-6800, ext.36
TNovicki@kristihouse.org

LAUREN'S KIDS

Purpose: To prevent sexual abuse through awareness and education, and help survivors heal with guidance and support

Website: www.laurenskids.org

24 Hour Crisis Hotline: 1-877-LKIDS-01

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Purpose: To encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government, to increase voter understanding of major public policy issues, and to influence public policy through education and advocacy

Membership Criteria: Resident of Miami-Dade County and payment of dues

Website: www.lwvmiamidade.org

Contact:

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League of Women Voters
of Miami-Dade County
6815 Biscayne Boulevard
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Miami, FL 33138
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Miami-Dade County
6815 Biscayne Blvd.
Suite 103-14
Miami, FL 33138
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THE LINKS, INC., DADE COUNTY CHAPTER

Purpose: To positively influence and improve the quality of life for the educationally and economically disadvantaged and underserved in the South Florida community

Membership Criteria: By invitation for accomplished civic and community service-minded women

Website: www.dadecountylinksinc.org

Contact:

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The Links, Inc.
Dade County Chapter
cakac@bellsouth.net

Tammy Reed, V. Pres.
The Links, Inc.
Dade County Chapter
reedtte@yahoo.com

THE LINKS, INC., GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: A community service women's organization

Membership Criteria: By invitation only for women who desire to dedicate time and service to the community

Website: www.greatermiamilinksinc.org

Contact:

Rene Beal, President
The Links
Greater Miami Chapter
(305) 951-2749
president@greatermiamilinksinc.org

THE LINKS, INC., MIAMI-BISCAYNE BAY CHAPTER

Purpose: A community service women's organization

Website: www.miabbclinks.com

Contact:

Rosa Simmons, President
The Links, Inc.
Miami-Biscayne Bay Chapter
19440 SW 30 Street
Miramar, FL 33029
info@miabbclinks.com

THE LOTUS HOUSE

Purpose: Transitional housing and resource center for homeless women and infants. The Lotus House is located at 217 NW 15 Street, Miami, and provides free housing for up to a year and wrap-around support services with access to a wide range of community resources. The thrift store is located at 203 N.W. 36 Street; (305) 576-4112

Website: www.lotushouseshelter.org

Contact:

Constance Collins, Director
The Lotus House
1514 NW 2nd Avenue, Suite 1
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 438-0556 (general info)
director@lotushouseshelter.org

MIAMI ARCHDIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (MAACW)

Purpose: To unite all Catholic women organizations of the Miami Archdiocese in purpose, direction, and action in religious, educational, social and economic fields; to give full support to the statements and programs of the United States Bishops Conference and to render them assistance in these efforts

Membership Criteria: Women of Catholic faith

Website: www.maccw.org

Contact:

Josephine Gilbert, President
MACCW
(305) 510-3163
Nikeglad@aol.com

MIAMI BEACH COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Purpose: To advise Miami Beach officials of social, legal and economic barriers that prevent women from obtaining meaningful roles in the family, labor force, government and society and to work towards the elimination of those barriers

Membership Criteria: Resident of Miami Beach; or own a business in Miami Beach for at least three years

Contact:

Wanda Ortiz Geist, Liaison
Miami Beach Commission
for Women
Miami Beach City Hall
1700 Convention Center Drive
Miami Beach, FL 33139
(305) 673-7000
(305) 673-7096 (Fax)
wandageist@miamibeachfl.gov

Mercedes Carlson, Chair
Miami Beach Commission
for Women
(786) 200-3536

MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Purpose: To educate, empower, mentor and promote women's businesses, projects and causes while building membership for the Chamber

Membership Criteria: Open to all Chamber members; Non-members welcomed per request only

Website: www.miamibeachchamber.com

Contact:

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Women's Business Council
Miami Beach Chamber
of Commerce
1920 Meridian Ave.
Miami Beach, FL 33139
(305) 674-1300
Susana@miamibeachchamber.com

DeAnne Connolly Graham
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Women's Business Council
Miami Beach Chamber of
Commerce
c/o Welcome & Bienvenidos
Magazines
(305) 944-9444

MIAMI BEACH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Purpose: Held every March for Women's History Month; workshops, speakers and luncheon

Website: www.WomensExhibit.com

Contact:

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Miami Beach Women's
Conference
WomensExhibit@aol.com

Wendy Doherty, Co-Chair
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Conference
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MIAMI CLINIC ACCESS PROJECT (MCAP)

Purpose: To defend access to abortion clinics in Miami-Dade County so that women can exercise their conscience in their reproductive decisions and have access to abortion care

Membership Criteria: Must be strongly pro-choice, committed to activism, and available to attend clinic defense at least one Saturday each month

Contact:

Julia Dawson, Leader
MCAP
(305) 215-5255
Juliamiami@bellsouth.net

MIAMI COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Purpose: To advise the Miami City Commissioners on possible barriers which may impede the participation of women in City sponsored programs, activities, etc; to support legislation granting women equal rights and opportunities; to improve the status of women in the Miami

Membership Criteria: Appointed by a City Commissioner; must reside, work, maintain a business, or own real property in the City of Miami

Contact:

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Miami, FL 33136
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Doral, FL 33178
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MIAMI-DADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOMEN'S BUSINESS COUNCIL

Purpose: To involve women in the Chamber and address issues affecting women business owners

Website: www.m-dcc.org

Contact:

Priscilla Dames, Chair
Women's Business Council
Miami-Dade Chamber of Commerce
1951 NW 7th Avenue
Third Floor, Suite 13-139
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 751-8648 (Chamber number)
(305) 892-7233
priscillabd@aol.com
info@wingspanseminars.com

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (MDCCFW)

Purpose: To serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on issues pertaining to women and to advocate for the needs and concerns of women.

Membership Criteria: Must be a U.S. citizen, resident of Miami-Dade County, and appointed by a County Commissioner

Website: www.miamidade.gov/advocacy/women-board-home.asp

Contact:

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Miami-Dade CFW
111 NW 1 Street, #1034
Miami, FL 33128
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Chairwoman
Miami-Dade CFW
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MIAMI GARDENS COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Purpose: To improve the condition of women through community and other services; to promote and deliver a variety of projects designed to make a positive impact on women in Miami Gardens

Membership Criteria: Appointed by Mayor and City Council members

Contact:

Margaret Porter-Hall, Chair
Miami Gardens
Commission for Women
1515 NW 167 Street
Bldg. 5
Miami Gardens, FL 33169
(305) 622-8000
Mahall1800@att.net

Karen Tynes, Vice Chair
Miami Gardens
Commission for Women
1515 NW 167 Street
Bldg. 5
Miami Gardens, FL 33169
(305) 622-8000, ext. 2760

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL LATINAS ORGANIZING FOR LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY (MI LOLA)

Purpose: To increase the power of women and girls of color to be advocates for women's health justice through advocacy, self-care, and community engagement

Website: www.mi-lola.org

Contact:

MI LOLA
(305) 209-LOLA
info@mi-lola.org

MIAMI SPRINGS WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: Charity and community service with a focus on home life, international affairs, public affairs, fine arts and creating art forms, conservation, education, and awarding nursing scholarships; Clubhouse located at 200 Westward Drive, Miami Springs, 33166 (305) 887 5132

Contact:

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Miami Springs Woman's Club
26 Hunting Lodge Drive
Miami Springs, FL 33166
(305) 885-4459 (Home)
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Lyndarandolph44@aol.com

Judy Walton
Miami Springs Woman's Club
371 Deer Run
Miami Springs, FL 33166
(305) 885-3383
bruwalt@aol.com

MIAMI WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: Community service and preservation of historic clubhouse. Clubhouse is located at 1737 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami, (305) 374-5671.

Website: www.themiamiwomansclub.org

Contact:

Noreen Timoney, Pres.
Miami Woman's Club
1717 North Bayshore Drive,
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Miami, FL 33132
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info@themiamiwomansclub.org

Linda Joseph, 1st V.P.
Miami Woman's Club
1717 N. Bayshore Drive
Apt. 3856
Miami, FL 33132
(305) 579-9088
lincraft@bellsouth.net

MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING (MADD)

Purpose: To stop drunk driving, support victims of this violent crime, and prevent underage drinking

Website: www.madd.org

Contact:

Janet Mondschein, Executive Director
MADD, Miami-Dade County Affiliate
7700 N. Kendall Drive, Suite 803
Miami, FL 33156
(305) 273-3744
Janet.mondschein@madd.org

MOUNT SINAI COMPREHENSIVE BREAST CENTER

Purpose: To provide women with digital mammography, ultrasound and other interventional procedures; also provides education and counseling to women emphasizing the importance of a good breast health plan and early detection

Website: www.msccc.com/services/breast.html

Contact:

Mount Sinai Comprehensive Cancer Center
4306 Alton Road
Miami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 535-3434 (Main number)
(305) 535-3384 (Patient navigator program)

M.U.J.E.R., INC. (MUJERES UNIDAS EN JUSTICIA, EDUCACION Y REFORMA, INC.)

Purpose: To promote healthy lifestyles, emotional wellness and stability through advocacy, domestic and sexual violence prevention and community education to strengthen low income families

Website: www.mujerfla.org

Contact:

Susan J. Rubio Rivera, Executive Director
MUJER, INC.
P. O. Box 900685
Homestead, FL 33090
(305) 247-1388
1-888-956-RAPE (Toll free Rape Hotline)
susan@mujerfla.org

NA'AMAT USA - MIAMI-DADE COUNCIL

Purpose: To advocate for progressive legislation for women's rights and child welfare, to further Jewish education and to support human rights for Jews in distress; in Israel, to provide a broad array of social services

Website: www.namaat.org

Contact:

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NA'AMAT USA, Miami-Dade Council
3950 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33137
(305) 576-6213
(305) 965-4779

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION (NABWIC)- SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

Purpose: To advocate for Black women in construction to further opportunity for our members

Website: www.nabwic.org

Contact:

Dorothy Brown-Alfaro, President
NABWIC South Florida Chapter
(786) 486-2377
dorcor@bellsouth.net

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION (NAWIC)- MIAMI CHAPTER #41

Purpose: To enhance the advancement of women in construction, from tradeswomen to business owners

Website: www.nawic.org

Contact:

Nancy Vallejo, Pres.
NAWIC Miami Chapter
nancyvallejo@bellsouth.net

Rhonda Wimberly, Vice Pres.
NAWIC Miami Chapter
(786) 621-9004
rwimberly@tcco.com

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS (NAWBO), GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: To propel women entrepreneurs into economic, social and political spheres of power worldwide

Website: www.nawbomiami.org

Contact:

Anne B. Freedman, President
NAWBO Miami Chapter
(786) 519-4860
info@nawbomiami.org

NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN, INC.- GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: To advocate on behalf of women of color through leadership, networking, political action, health awareness, meetings and scholarships

Website: www.ncbw100miami.org

Contact:

Michele Paramore, President
National Coalition of 100 Black Women
Greater Miami Chapter
P. O. Box 174027
Miami, FL 33017
1-800-658-1292
President@ncbw100miami.org

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF PUERTO RICAN WOMEN (NACOPRW)-MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: To promote the civic and cultural participation of Puerto Rican women and other Latinas in the economic, social, and political life in the U.S. and Puerto Rico

Membership Criteria: Puerto Rican women or of Puerto Rican descent

Website: www.nacoprw.org

Contact:

Elizabeth Erazo Baez, President
NACOPRW Miami Chapter
NACOPRW.MIAMI@gmail.com
susan@mujerfla.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, GREATER MIAMI SECTION, INC.

Purpose: To strive for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children and families and to turn progressive ideals into action

Website: www.ncjwgms.org

Contact:

Andrea Darlow Sonnenberg, Executive Director
NCJW Greater Miami Section
4144 Chase Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 538-4744
info@ncjwgms.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY SECTION

Purpose: To advance the quality of life for African-American women, their families, and communities through research, advocacy, national and community-based services and programs in the U.S. and Africa

Membership Criteria: Open to women with a strong commitment to community service and girls 12-18

Website: www.ncnw.org

Contact:

Alma Brown, President
National Council of Negro Women
Metropolitan Dade County Section
P/O. Box 530455
Miami Shores, FL 33153
(305) 754-6146
brownalma@yahoo.com
ncnwmiami@yahoo.com

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW) FIU CHAPTER

Purpose: Campus action group to work to promote equality among the campus community; to empower women and help solve women's problems

Membership Criteria: A student or alumni of FIU

Website: www.NOWatFIU.tumblr.com

Contact:

Lorraine Costa, President
NOW FIU Chapter
(305) 790-8531
Lcost021@fiu.edu
NOWatFIU@gmail.com

Sarah Hogan, Vice President
NOW FIU Chapter
shoga001@fiu.edu

THE NINETY-NINES, INC. - FLORIDA GOLDCOAST 99S CHAPTER

Purpose: First and only international organization of licensed women pilots founded in 1929 by Amelia Earhart and other early women pilots; to promote world fellowship through flight; to preserve the unique history of women in aviation

Website: www.flgoldcoast99s.org

Contact:

Myra Bugbee, Chair
Florida Goldcoast 99s
mjbugbee@comcast.net

Jessica Miller, Vice Chair
Florida Goldcoast 99s
jessicamiller.pic@gmail.com

NORTHEAST MIAMI WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: Community service through the Federation clubs

Membership Criteria: Interest in club projects; \$30 dues

Contact:

Betty Lasch, President
Northeast Miami Woman's Club
76 N.E. 102 Street
Miami Shores, FL 33138
(305) 754-5546

NORTH MIAMI BEACH COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Purpose: To serve in an advisory capacity to the North Miami Beach City Council; to help women in North Miami Beach through the development of quality educational programs

Membership Criteria: Live in or work in the City of North Miami Beach

Contact:

Raabia Liladrie, Chair
North Miami Beach COSW
1520 NE 180 Street
North Miami Beach, FL 33162
(305) 764-7972
Raabia3014@aol.com

Michelle Williamson, Co-Chair
North Miami Beach COSW
(786) 546-4451

NU CHAPTER OF CHI ETA PHI SORORITY, INC

Purpose: To provide service to humanity, encourage continuing education among members of the nursing profession, have a continuous recruitment program for nursing and the health professions and develop working relationships with other professional groups to improve the delivery of health care services

Membership Criteria: professional registered nurse

Contact:

Mary M. Taylor, President
Nu Chapter, Chi Eta Phi
Mmct1@yahoo.com

Damita Clarke, Vice Pres.
Nu Chapter, Chi Eta Phi
P.O. Box 141414
Coral Gables, FL 33114
dclarkemedical@yahoo.com

THE NUBIAN SISTAHOOD

Purpose: To empower women through the living arts and health; workshops, organized trips and attendance at cultural events; community service

Contact:

Shamele Jenkins, President
Nubian Sistahood
1271 NW 172 Street
Miami Gardens, FL 33169
(305) 469-1157
shabenj@aol.com

ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE (OWIT) SOUTH FLORIDA

Purpose: To promote women and men in international trade and commerce; networking, education professional growth and leadership among women employed worldwide in foreign trade and commerce

Website: www.owit-southflorida.org

Contact:

Audrey Nielsen, President
OWIT-South Florida
100 Miracle Mile, Suite 200
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 965-5448
Owit.sflorida@gmail.com

PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS, MIAMI

Purpose: To provide girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy; nationally recognized for its balanced emphasis on academics and social services with a focus on the future for middle and high-school aged girls and young women

Website: www.pacecenter.org

Contact:

Sherry Thompson Giordano, Executive Director
Pace Center for Girls, Miami
(305) 978-1493
Sherry.giordano@pacecenter.org

ROXCY BOLTON RAPE TREATMENT CENTER

Purpose: To provide medical care, medical testing and counseling for victims of sexual crimes

Contact:

Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center
Jackson Memorial Hospital
1611 NW 12th Avenue
Institute Annex, Room 150
Miami, FL 33136-1096
(305) 585-5185
(305) 585-7273 (24-Hour Hotline)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF SOUTH FLORIDA AND THE TREASURE COAST, INC

Purpose: To provide comprehensive sexual health care through the provision of clinical services, education and advocacy.
Several health centers located in the Miami area: **Miami Health Center located at 3119A SW 22nd Street (Coral Way), Miami, FL 33145, (305) 285-5535; Kendall Health Center, 11440 SW 88 Street, Suite 109, Miami, FL 33176, (786) 263-0001; North Miami Health Center, 681 NE 125 Street, North Miami, FL 33161, (305) 895-7756; and Liberty City Health Center, 7900 NW 27 Ave., Miami, FL 33147, (305) 423-7933**

Website: www.ppsoflo.org

Contact:

Planned Parenthood of South Florida and the Treasure Coast, Inc.
Administration Office
5775 Blue Lagoon Drive, Suite 360
Miami, FL 33126
(786) 594-4777
(561) 848-6402

PUMPS, PEARLS AND PORTFOLIOS, INC.-

Purpose: To be a catalyst for women, children and families in helping them sustain employability

Membership Criteria: Desire to help women and their families obtain self-sufficiency

Contact:

Sharon Kendrick-Johnson, CEO/Founder
Pumps, Pearls and Portfolios
P. O. Box 557412
Miami, FL 33255
(305) 772-7001
Sharonjohnson99@msn.com

POLITICAL INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN

Purpose: To politically engage, educate, and empower every woman; to train women to run for elected office, pursue careers in politics and be vocal effective advocates

Website: www.politicalinstituteforwomen.org

Contact:

Kimberly Mitchem-Rasmussen, Exec. Dir./Founder
Political Institute for Women
(404) 797-8650
info@politicalinstituteforwomen.org

RUTH'S LIST FLORIDA

Purpose: To recruit, support and elect pro-choice Democratic women to public office at all levels in Florida, through training, campaign assistance, networking and early money

Website: www.RuthsListFL.org

Contact:

Ruth's List Florida
P.O. Box 800
St. Petersburg, FL 33731
(727) 350-5859
info@RuthsListFL.org

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF CORAL GABLES

Purpose: International organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world

Contact:

Carla Loyd, President
Soroptimist Int'l of
Coral Gables
(305) 235-7096
carlaloyd@aol.com
sicoralgables@soroptimist.net

Debby Diaz, Vice Pres.
Soroptimist Int'l of
Coral Gables
(305) 778-0255
debbyanddiaz@hotmail.com

Margaret McCaffery, Publicity
Soroptimist Int'l of Coral Gables
(305) 789-0043
mmccaffery@mac.com

SOROPTIMIST OF HOMESTEAD

Purpose: International organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world

Website: www.sihomestead.com

Contact:

Adrienne Griffiths, President
Soroptimist of Homestead
P.O. Box 900384
Homestead, FL 33090-0384

SOUTH FLORIDA COALITION OF LABOR UNION WOMEN (CLUW)

Purpose: To provide a support network for women in unions; educate members, and keep them up-to-date on a variety of issues of concern to working women and their families; CLUW is America's only national organization for union women and is a non-partisan organization within the union movement; South Florida Chapter covers Miami-Dade and Broward Counties and Fort Myers

Membership Criteria: Union members, retirees, college students or advocates in the community on women's issues; payment of dues depending on level of membership

Website: www.CLUW.org

Contact:

Tanaka Charles, President
South Florida CLUW
P. O. Box 540925
Opa-Locka, FL 33054-0925
(786) 256-2226
sofla.cluw16@yahoo.com

SOUTH FLORIDA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE- HISPANIC WOMEN'S NETWORK SOCIETY

Purpose: To work toward the advancement of women in all aspects of life with emphasis on increasing women's participation on corporate boards and equal pay, among others

Website: www.sflhcc.com

Contact:

Maria Johnston, Chair
Hispanic Women's Network Society
South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
333 Arthur Godfrey Road, Suite 300
Miami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 534-1903
info@sflhcc.com

SOUTH MIAMI COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Purpose: Advisory board to the Mayor on women's issues; to support efforts for the economic, political and social equality of women and girls

Membership Criteria: Appointed by the Mayor of South Miami and must live or work in South Miami

Website: www.southmiamifl.gov

Contact:

Sharon Kendrick-Johnson, Chair
South Miami Commission for Women
6130 Sunset Drive
South Miami, FL 33143
(305) 663-6340 (office)
(305) 772-7001 (cell)
SharonJohnson99@msn.com

SOUTH MIAMI HOSPITAL CENTER FOR WOMEN & INFANTS

Purpose: Comprehensive health services including obstetrics, gynecology, diagnostics, breast care, wellness/nutrition, cosmetic surgery

Website: www.baptisthealth.net

Contact:

South Miami Hospital Center for Women & Infants
6200 SW 73 Street, East Tower Bldg.
South Miami, FL 33143
(786) 662-8585 (Patient Navigator)

THE SPORTS SOCIETY

Purpose: To promote opportunities for women and girls in sports

Contact:

Dr. Marjorie P. Wessel President The Sports Society 16001 East Troon Circle Miami Lakes, FL 33014 (305) 828-6419 (Phone& Fax)	Linda Harvey, Vice Pres. The Sports Society c/o Don Shula's Hotel & Golf Club 6842 Main Street Miami Lakes, FL 33014 (305) 820-8093
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STRONG WOMEN STRONG GIRLS

Purpose: Two-tiered mentoring program where college women mentor elementary school girls and professional women mentor college women

Membership Criteria: Open to all college women and professional women to mentor others in the community

Website: www.swsg.org

Contact:

Adele Coble, Program Manager
Strong Women Strong Girls
8410 NW 53rd Terrace
Monterey Building, Suite 110
Doral, FL 33166
(305) 608-5017
acoble@swsg.org

SUNFLOWER SOCIETY, INC

Purpose: To help children, families and individuals who have special needs; summer camps and after school arts programs for children

Website: www.veronicafuchs.com/sunflower

Contact:

Veronica Fuchs, President
Sunflower Society, Inc.
5932 NE 6 Avenue
Miami, FL 33137
(305) 299-6306
sunflowersocietyinc@gmail.com

SUSAN G. KOMEN MIAMI/FT. LAUDERDALE

Purpose: To fund grants to a diverse group of not for profit health care organizations, public health agencies and community group for mammograms, treatment and education program

Website: www.komenmiafl.org

Contact:

Cathy McCarthy, Executive Director
Susan G. Komen Miami/Ft. Lauderdale
11098 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 405
Miami, FL 33161
(305) 383-7116
cathy@komenmiafl.org

TOP LADIES OF DISTINCTION, INC.

Purpose: To enhance and enrich the lives of youth and adults through national and community based programs and projects

Membership Criteria: By invitation only

Contact:

Crystal Pittman, President
Top Ladies of Distinction
P.O. Box 530701
Miami Shores, FL 33153
(305) 439-5426
cpittman@mdc.edu

UN WOMEN NATIONAL COMMITTEE UNITED STATES MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: To support United Nations (UN) efforts to improve the lives of women and girls around the world

Membership Criteria: Payment of dues

Website: www.unwomen-usnc.org/miami

Contact:

Marisa Feito, President
UN Women-USNC, Miami Chapter
235 Alcazar Avenue
Coral Gables, FL 33134
Miami@unwomen-usnc.org

THE UNITED WAY OF MIAMI-DADE- WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

Purpose: To foster the participation, commitment and growth of philanthropic-focused women in furthering the United Way mission

Membership Criteria: Women who give an annual gift of at least \$1000 to the United Way

Website: www.unitedwaymiami.org

Contact:

United Way of Miami-Dade
Women's Leadership Initiative
3250 SW 3rd Avenue
Miami, FL 33129
(305) 646-7031
womensleadership@unitedwaymiami.org

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES PROGRAM

Purpose: To encourage the rigorous investigation of gender as a significant issue in all areas of human experience; to foster the examination, discussion and debate of gender issues among faculty and students from all fields of study to enrich the undergraduate curriculum and the and the university's academic mission

Website: www.as.miami.edu/wgs/

Contact:

Steven Buttermann, Program Director
Women's and Gender Studies Program
University of Miami
(305) 284-7221
buttermann@miami.edu

URGENT, INC

Purpose: To improve the physical, social, and economic health of urban residents and neighborhoods; to operate the Rites of Passage for Girls Youth Empowerment Academy for at-risk girls

Website: www.urgentinc.org

Contact:

Saliha Nelson, Vice President
Urgent Inc.
1600 NW 3rd Avenue, Bldg. D
Miami, FL 33136
Saliha@urgentinc.org

THE VILLAGERS

Purpose: To promote an appreciation of history through the acquisition, restoration and preservation of historic sites, structures, buildings and objects of special historical or architectural significance

Membership Criteria: Interest in historic preservation, must have two sponsors

Website: www.thevillagersinc.org

Contact:

Carolyn H. Reyes, President
The Villagers
P.O. Box 141843
Coral Gables, FL 33114-1843
(786) 239-7035
carolynltd@att.net

WHISPERING PINES WOMAN'S CLUB

Purpose: Charity, civic improvement, and public welfare

Membership Criteria: Any woman in good standing in the community

Contact:

Piedad Sanchez, President	Wendy Labriola, Sec.
Whispering Pines Woman's Club	Whispering Pines
18740 S.W. 89 Road	Woman's Club
Cutler Bay, FL 33157	9711 Martinique Drive
(305) 256-1556	Cutler Bay, FL 33189
piedadjsanchez@bellsouth.net	wlabriola@yahoo.com

WOMAN'S CANCER ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

Purpose: To provide funds for cancer research, cancer education, and patient welfare at the University of Miami

Membership Criteria: Open to anyone who supports the goals of the association

Website: www.wcaofum.org

Contact:

Nora Tenney, President
WCA of the University of Miami
The Bargain Box
1350 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33135-2320
(305) 643-2945

WOMAN'S CLUB OF COCONUT GROVE

Purpose: Established in 1891, the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove is the oldest civic organization in Miami-Dade County. Dedicated to community involvement and community service. Clubhouse is located at 2985 South Bayshore Drive in Coconut Grove; (305) 446-2909

Website: www.womansclubofcoconutgrove.com

Contact:

Diana Ramos, Membership
Woman's Club of Coconut Grove
(786) 488-5744
(305) 446-2909
womansclubofcoconutgrove@gmail.com

WOMAN'S CLUB OF HIALEAH

Purpose: Charitable and educational purposes; to help the community in Hialeah. Clubhouse located at 525 West 1st Avenue, Hialeah, FL

Membership Criteria: Interest in club objectives, attend meetings, and volunteer

Facebook Page: Woman's Club of Hialeah

Contact:

Mary Ann Engle, President
Woman's Club of Hialeah
525 West 1st Avenue
Hialeah, FL 33010

WOMAN'S CLUB OF HOMESTEAD

Purpose: Charitable and educational purposes. Clubhouse is located at 17905 SW 292 Street in Homestead; (305) 248-8001

Membership Criteria: Anyone interested in the club's objectives; different levels dues

Contact:

Lorene Strano, President	Doylene Losner, 2nd V.P.
Woman's Club of Homestead	Woman's Club of
25450 SW 193 Avenue	Homestead
Homestead, FL 33031	20251 SW 272 Street
	Homestead, FL 33031

WOMEN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Purpose: To improve the welfare of women and their children through the promotion and defense of human rights

Website: www.wfhr.org

Contact:

Marivi Prado, President	Addie Silliman
Women for Human Rights Int'l	Women for Human
(305) 205-2656	Rights International
(305) 630-9860	sillimana@bellsouth.net
mariviprado@aol.com	
mariviprado.323@gmail.com	

WOMEN EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP (WEL)

Purpose: To educate and connect accomplished women with the goal of increasing the number of women serving on corporate boards and in executive leadership

Membership Criteria: "C" level Executive; member of Executive management; partner or shareholder in a professional services firm; senior manager or officer at an organization

Website: www.welflorida.com

Contact:

Cindy Krischer Goodman, V.P., PR & Communications
Women Executive Leadership
cgoodman@welflorida.com

WOMEN OF TOMORROW MENTOR AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Purpose: To inspire, motivate, and empower at-risk girls in public high-schools; unique group mentoring system with accomplished professionals and scholarship opportunities

Membership Criteria: Highly accomplished professional women who are dedicated to improving the self-esteem and future adult lives of teenaged women; by invitation only

Website: www.womenoftomorrow.org

Contact:

J. Bianca Erickson, V.P., Program Operations
Women of Tomorrow
Mentor & Scholarship Program
22 E. Flagler Street, 6th Floor
Miami, FL 33131
(305) 371-3331
Womenoftomorrow@womenoftomorrow.org

WOMEN PRESIDENTS' ORGANIZATION- MIAMI CHAPTER

Purpose: Premier membership organization for women presidents & CEOs (and managing directors) of privately held, multi-million dollar companies; 90 chapters nationwide

Membership Criteria: Women who have an ownership interest in their business; dues vary depending on revenue of the business

Website: www.womenpresidentsorg.com

Contact:

Linda Lane Gonzalez, Chair
Women Presidents' Organization
Miami Chapter
Contact through the national organization/website
(212) 688-4114 in New York City

WOMENADE - CHAPMAN PARTNERSHIP

Purpose: To increase revenue and awareness for the Chapman Partnership; volunteer efforts and funds raised will target the women and children at the Chapman Partnership

Website: www.chapmanpartnership.org/womenade

Contact:

Womenade of Miami
Chapman Partnership
1550 North Miami Avenue
Miami, FL 33136
(305) 329-3081
womenade@chapmanpartnership.org

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND ALLIANCE AGAINST INJUSTICE AND VIOLENCE AND FOR EMPOWERMENT (W.A. A.I.V.E.), INC

Purpose: Advocacy and empowerment, education, engagement, report, referrals, seminars and workshops to assist poor mothers and families;

Contact:

Renita Holmes
W.A.A.I.V.E.
(786) 260-2409
Holmesmadame@gmail.com

WOMEN'S BREAST HEALTH INITIATIVE- FLORIDA AFFILIATE

Purpose: To break down barriers and mobilize people and resources to ensure that underserved women receive life-saving breast and heart health education, breast cancer and heart disease screenings and treatment; this mission is carried out through targeted door-to-door outreach

Website: www.flbreasthealth.com

Contact:

Andrea Ivory, Executive Director
Women's Breast Health Initiative-FL Affiliate
6447 Miami Lakes Drive East, Suite 222E
Miami Lakes, FL 33014
(305) 825-4081
(305) 825-4082 (Fax)
andreaivory@flbreasthealth.com

WOMEN'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF FLORIDA

Purpose: To assist in the establishment and growth of women in business; to help certified women-owned businesses access corporate and federal contracts; counseling and mentoring for women business owners; business development workshops

Website: www.womensbusiness.info

Contact:

Nancy Allen, President/CEO
Women's Business Development Center
13155 SW 134 Street, Suite 205
Miami, FL 33186
(305) 971-9473
(305) 971-9446
nancyallen@womensbusiness.info

WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MIAMI- DADE COUNTY

Purpose: To facilitate the advancement of women by fostering meaningful business relationships among members, delivering unique educational programs, and hosting creative member events; to provide forums of empowerment where women can support each other in all aspects of business

Membership Criteria: Payment of dues; different levels of membership and dues

Website: www.WomensChamberofCommerce.org

Contact:

Toma Rusk, Administrator
Women's Chamber of Commerce
(305) 316-2536
info@womenschamberofcommerce.org

WOMEN'S COUNCIL OF REALTORS MIAMI-DADE CHAPTER

Purpose: A network of successful realtors that empowers women to exercise their potential as industry leaders and entrepreneurs; to be the voice for the achievement and impact of women in real estate

Website: www.wcrmiamidade.com

Contact:

Elizabeth L. Perez, President WCR-Miami-Dade Chapter eperezhomes@gmail.com	Vivian Macias, Pres.-Elect WCR-Miami-Dade Chapter vivian@principalproperties.com
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WOMEN'S EMERGENCY NETWORK (WEN)

Purpose: To provide subsidies for abortion care through five partner clinics in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties; birth control and safe sex counseling

Website: www.wen-online.org

Contact:

Women's Emergency Network
P.O. Box 566392
Miami, FL 33256
(305) 446-4615
(pre-recorded message that explains the process for receiving funds and the list of clinics)
(305) 670-2266
info@wen-online.org

WOMEN'S HEALTH RESOURCE CENTER / BAPTIST HEALTH SOUTH FLORIDA

Purpose: To provide health resources, health talks, programs and support groups to the women in the community at various locations

Website: www.baptisthealth.net

Contact:

Women's Health Resource Center
Baptist Medical Arts Building
8950 North Kendall Drive, Suite 105
Miami, FL 33176
(786) 596-3812
programs@BaptistHealth.net

WOMENS EXHIBIT, INC. (WE)

Purpose: To honor and exhibit the achievements of women of all ages and walks of life by making available information, programs, and facts about women's accomplishments; to produce the annual Miami Beach Women's Conference

Website: www.womensexhibit.com

Contact:

Dona Zemo, Co-Founder
Wendy Doherty, Co-Founder
Women's Exhibit
3101 Indian Creek Drive # 104
Miami Beach, FL 33140
(305) 673-4555

WOMEN'S FUND OF MIAMI-DADE

Purpose: To improve the lives of women and girls through grant making, research, advocacy and education.

Membership Criteria: Open to anyone at different levels of dues, from \$100 and upward

Website: www.womensfundmiami.org

Contact:

Marilyn Fizer March, Executive Director
Women's Fund of Miami-Dade
3001 Ponce de Leon Blvd.. Suite 264
Coral Gables, FL 33134
(305) 441-0506
Marilyn@womensfundmiami.org
info@womensfundmiami.org

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL

Purpose: To address women's issues through presentation of cinematic and other art forms; to encourage the production, distribution and marketing of women's films, to provide workshops, etc.

Website: www.womensfilmfest.com

Contact:

Yvonne McCormack-Lyons, President/Founder
Women's International Film & Arts Festival
P.O. Box 120666
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
(305) 653-9700
wiff@icypr.com

WOMEN'S MOVEMENT NOW (WMN) - THE MIAMI METRO CHAPTER OF THE YOUNGER WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

Purpose: Grassroots group of women in the twenties and thirties who seek to create and maintain a space for the engagement and activism of younger women

Facebook Page: <http://facebook.com/WMN-MiamiMetro>
Chapter of the Younger Women's Task Force

WOMEN'S HISTORY COALITION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Purpose: To preserve and promote recognition of women's history across South Florida; notable projects include the annual Women of Impact awards, the Herstory publications and the Julia Tuttle tribute

Membership Criteria: Interest in preserving the history and contributions of women and the payment of dues

Website: www.womenshistorycoalitionmiamidade.org

Contact:

JoAnn Roberts, President
Women's History Coalition
P.O. Box 565307
Miami, FL 33256
(305) 215-7653
Joannrobertshomes@gmail.com

THE WOMEN'S PARK

Purpose: Miami-Dade County park founded in 1992 by pioneer feminist Roxcy O'Neal Bolton; serves as a meeting place for women focused activities and events; offers recreational and community focused classes and programs

Website: www.miamidade.gov/parks/parks/womens_park.asp

Contact:

Anne McCudden
Park Manager
The Women's Park
10251 West Flagler Street
Miami, FL 33142
(305) 480-1717
(305) 223-2390
womenspark@miamidade.gov

Silvia Unzueta, President
Women's Park Founders
Committee
(305) 607-2394
cuqilipel@aol.com

WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB OF MIAMI, FEDERATED

Purpose: Affiliate of the Florida Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women, a grassroots organization of over 100,000 women throughout the country

Facebook Page: Women's Republican Club of Miami, Federated

Contact:

Women's Republican Club of Miami, Federated
(786) 344-2305
Republican.women.of.miami@gmail.com

YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Purpose: First Miami-Dade County single-gender public school, grades 6-12; dedicated to educating girls with a rich and challenging curriculum

Website: <http://ywpa.dadeschools.net>

Contact:

Connie Martinez, Principal
Young Women's Preparatory Academy
1150 SW 1st Street
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